

Chapter 4

Turn Prohibitions

4.1 *No Right Turn*

NCGS Authority:	§136-18(5)
NCAC Authority:	N/A
TEPPL Reference:	N/A
Ordinance Required:	Yes
Ordinance Type:	19
Overlap Restriction:	None
Typical Signs:	R3-1
Other Signs:	R3-3

Guidance:

Specific vehicle types (such as trucks, buses, or heavy vehicles) may be singled out for right turn prohibitions.

Specific conditions (such as time of day, day of week, etc.) may also be singled out for right turn prohibitions.

Examples:

From SR 3324 (Main Street) into Business Name's driveway, located 200 feet south of Turner Road.

From northbound NC 41 (Goodman Street) onto NC 82 (Independence Street).

From northbound NC 41 (Goodman Street) onto NC 82 (Independence Street) – trucks only.

4.2 *No Right Turn on Red*

NCGS Authority:	§20-158(b)(2a)
NCAC Authority:	N/A
TEPPL Reference:	N/A
Ordinance Required:	Yes
Ordinance Type:	4
Overlap Restriction:	None
Typical Signs:	R10-11, R10-11a
Other Signs:	R10-11b, R10-17a

Guidance:

No vehicle shall make a right turn at a “red circular light” if the movement is prohibited by an appropriate sign ([§20-158, b, 2a](#)).

No vehicle shall make a right turn at a red arrow unless the movement is allowed by an appropriate sign (MUTCD Sections 4D.04 and 4D.05).

Specific vehicle types (such as trucks, buses, or heavy vehicles) may be singled out for right turn on red prohibitions.

Specific conditions (such as time of day, day of week, etc.) may also be singled out for right turn on red prohibitions.

For locations with multiple right turn lanes, individual lanes may be singled out for right turn on red prohibitions.

Examples:

From northbound NC 41 (Goodman Street) onto NC 82 (Independence Street).

From northbound NC 41 (Goodman Street) onto NC 82 (Independence Street) – trucks only.

From northbound NC 41 (Goodman Street) onto NC 82 (Independence Street) between 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., weekdays only.

From the leftmost right turn lane from northbound NC 41 (Goodman Street) onto NC 82 (Independence Street).

From the two leftmost right turn lanes from northbound NC 41 (Goodman Street) onto NC 82 (Independence Street).

4.3 No Left Turn

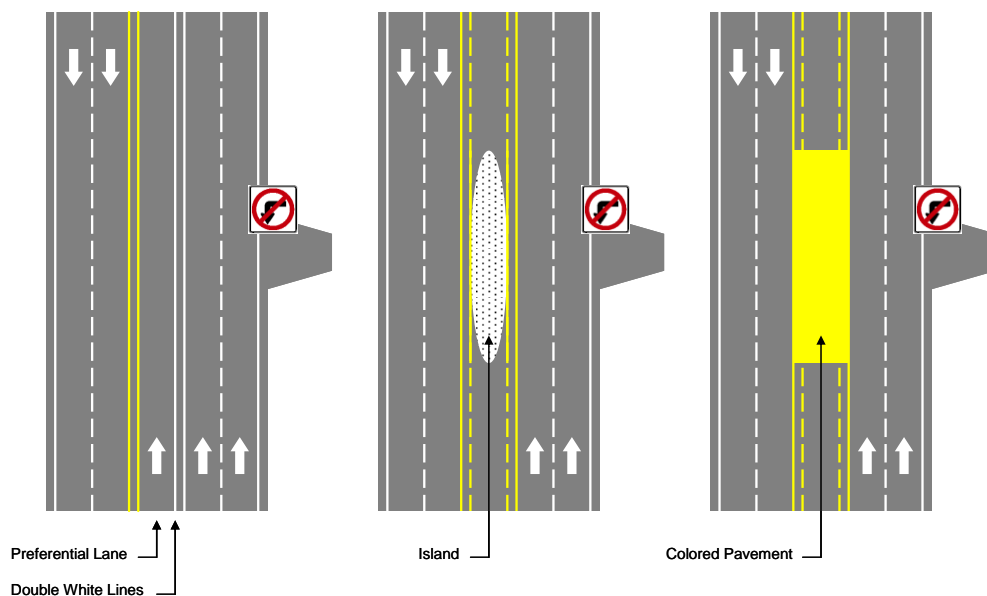
NCGS Authority:	§20-140.3(1, 2) , §136-18(5) , §136-30(a, d) , §136-89.58(1, 2)
NCAC Authority:	N/A
TEPPL Reference:	N/A
Ordinance Required:	Sometimes (see “Guidance”)
Ordinance Type:	18
Overlap Restriction:	None
Typical Signs:	R3-2
Other Signs:	R3-3, R3-18

Guidance:

Left turns are prohibited on controlled access highways except where an opening is provided “for that purpose” ([§20-140.3, 1, 2](#) and [§136-89.58, 1, 2](#)). Therefore, no ordinance is required to post signs and prohibit left turns.

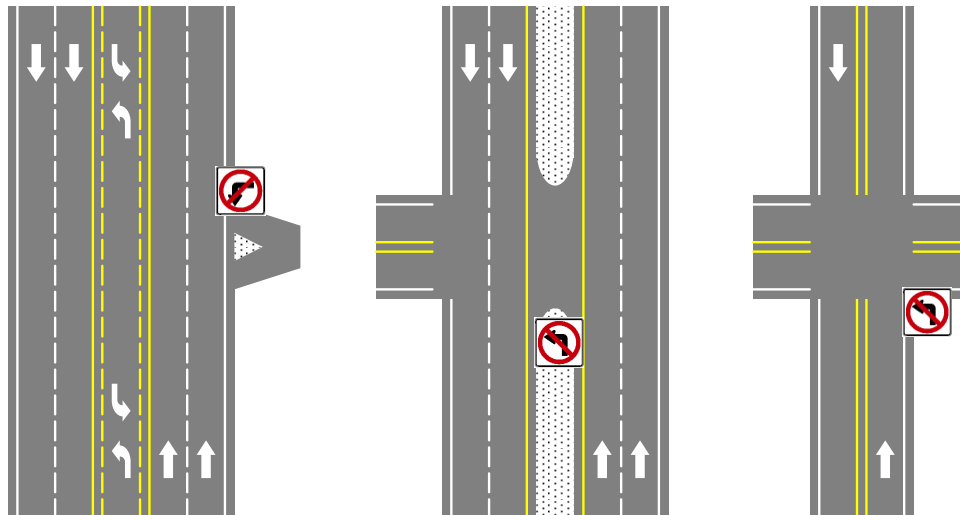
Traffic control devices placed on the State highway system must conform to the MUTCD ([§136-30, a, d](#)). The MUTCD states that crossing of a double solid wide white line at the right edge of a preferential lane is prohibited (Section 3B.23) and that colored pavements and islands may be used for traffic control purposes (Section 3E.01 and Section 3G.01, respectively). Therefore, for non-controlled access facilities, if a double solid wide white line is present at the right edge of a preferential lane, or colored pavements, and/or islands are used for traffic control, then no ordinance is required to post signs and prohibit left turns. Also, ordinances are not required to restrict left turn movements from side streets at locations where mainline leftovers are present because the leftover islands are being used for traffic control.

Figure 4.3.A
Examples of Locations on Non-Controlled Access Facilities not Requiring an Ordinance to Prohibit Left Turns



However, an ordinance is required for left turn prohibitions at all locations not on a controlled access facility where double solid wide white lines at the right edge of a preferential lane are not present, or where colored pavements and/or islands being used for traffic control are not present. This includes, but is not limited to, locations such as crossovers, intersections, and driveways.

Figure 4.3.B
Examples of Locations on Non-Controlled Access Facilities Requiring an Ordinance to Prohibit Left Turns



Specific vehicle types (such as trucks, buses, or heavy vehicles) may be singled out for left turn prohibitions.

Specific conditions (such as time of day, day of week, etc.) may also be singled out for left turn prohibitions.

Segments of road may be specified for left turn prohibitions.

Examples:

From Business Name's driveway, located 200 feet south of Turner Road, onto SR 3324 (Main Street).

From northbound SR 1142 (Jones Parkway) onto Mitchell Street at the crossover located 250 feet south of US 70.

From eastbound NC 50 (Catholic Street) onto South Street at the crossover located 120 feet south of SR 2263 (Hammond Road) – trucks only.

Between NC 41 (Goodman Street) and NC 82 (Independence Street).

4.4 No U-Turn

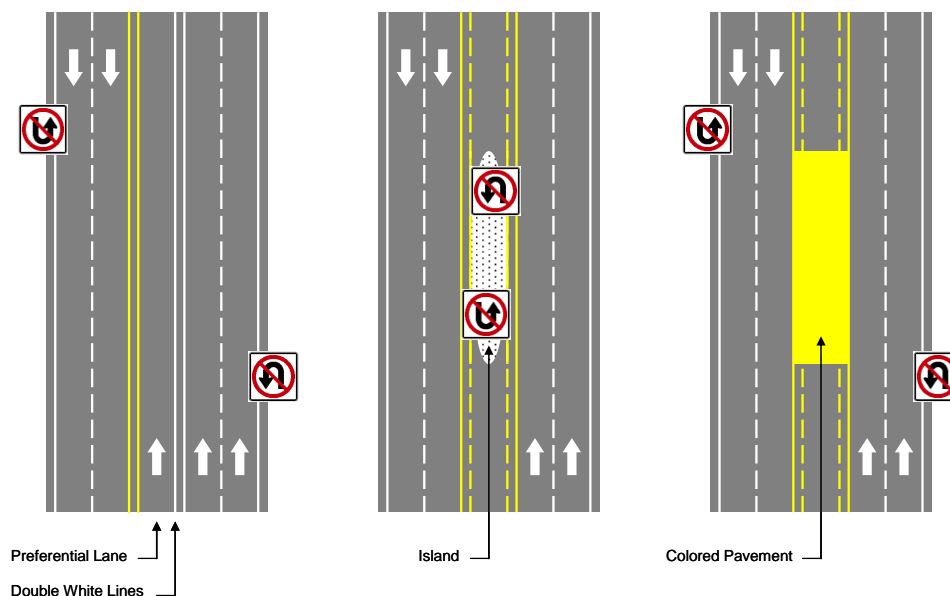
NCGS Authority:	§20-140.3(1, 2) , §136-18(5) , §136-30(a, d) , §136-89.58(1, 2)
NCAC Authority:	N/A
TEPPL Reference:	N/A
Ordinance Required:	Sometimes (see “Guidance”)
Ordinance Type:	20
Overlap Restriction:	None
Typical Signs:	R3-4
Other Signs:	R3-3, R3-18

Guidance:

U-turns are prohibited on controlled access highways except where an opening is provided “for that purpose” ([§20-140.3, 1, 2](#) and [§136-89.58, 1, 2](#)). Therefore, no ordinance is required to post signs and prohibit U-turns.

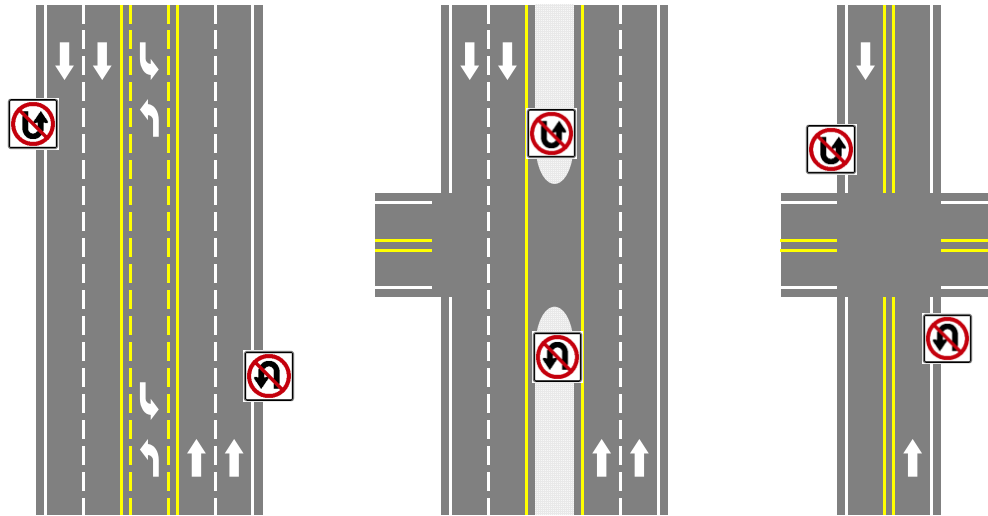
Traffic control devices placed on the State highway system must conform to the MUTCD ([§136-30, a, d](#)). The MUTCD states that crossing of a double solid wide white line at the right edge of a preferential lane is prohibited (Section 3B.23) and that colored pavements and islands may be used for traffic control purposes (Section 3E.01 and Section 3G.01, respectively). Therefore, for non-controlled access facilities, if a double solid wide white line is present at the right edge of a preferential lane, or colored pavements, and/or islands are used for traffic control, then no ordinance is required to post signs and prohibit U-turns.

Figure 4.4.A
Examples of Locations on Non-Controlled Access Facilities not Requiring an Ordinance to Prohibit U-Turns



However, an ordinance is required for U-turn prohibitions at all locations not on a controlled access facility where double solid wide white lines at the right edge of a preferential lane are not present, or where colored pavements and/or islands being used for traffic control are not present. This includes, but is not limited to, locations such as crossovers and intersections.

Figure 4.4.B
Examples of Locations on Non-Controlled Access Facilities Requiring an Ordinance to Prohibit U-Turns



Specific vehicle types (such as trucks, buses, or heavy vehicles) may be singled out for U-turn prohibitions.

Specific conditions (such as time of day, day of week, etc.) may also be singled out for U-turn prohibitions.

Segments of road may be specified for U-turn prohibitions.

Examples:

From northbound SR 1142 (Jones Parkway) onto southbound SR 1142 (Jones Parkway) at the crossover located 250 feet south of US 70.

From southbound or northbound SR 1142 (Jones Parkway) at the crossover located 250 feet south of US 70.

From westbound NC 50 (Catholic Street) onto eastbound NC 50 (Catholic Street) at the crossover located 120 feet south of SR 2263 (Hammond Road) – trucks only.

Between NC 41 (Goodman Street) and NC 41 (Goodman Street).